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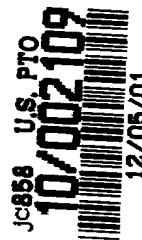
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Attached is the patent application of:

Inventor: TOLUBAKI et al

Entitled: SUPPORT FOR IMAGING MATERIAL

and including attachments as noted below:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☐ Abstract
120 pages of specification and claims (including 10 numbered claims), and
sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
H9-36680	Japan	20 February 1997
H9-64334	Japan	18 March 1997
H9-64336	Japan	18 March 1997
H9-164375	Japan	20 June 1997

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on February 22, 1998 in prior appln. no. 09/034,139 filed February 22, 1998

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a division of Application No. 09/034,139, filed February 22, 1998, now U.S. patent No. , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

The prior application is assigned to Mitsubishi Paper Mills Ltd..

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

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Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

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